

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for configuring devices in an automated transaction machine comprising:

5 a) storing a plurality of rules for an automated transaction machine, wherein the rules correspond to at least one sequence for use of a plurality of transaction function devices in operative connection with the automated transaction machine, each of which transaction function devices is capable of carrying out a first transaction function;

b) selecting a first transaction function device responsive to a first rule; and

c) performing the first transaction function with the first transaction function device.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

d) determining that the first transaction device is not available

e) selecting a second transaction function device responsive to the first rule; and

- f) performing the first transaction function with the second transaction function device.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein both the first and second transaction function devices include printer devices, wherein the first transaction function includes printing a receipt.

4. The method according to claim 2; wherein the first transaction function device corresponds to a receipt printer, and the second transaction function device corresponds to a statement printer.

5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising prior to step (b):

- d) selecting the first rule responsive to an event which is operative to cause the machine to carry out the first transaction function.

6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

- d) storing a plurality of capability values that are representative of features of the transaction function devices, wherein in step (b) the first transaction function device is further selected responsive to the capability values.

7. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

- d) specifying at least one capability of the first transaction function device; and

wherein in step (c) the first transaction function device is further selected responsive to the specified capability.

8. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

- d) specifying at least one first capability of transaction function devices, wherein in step (b) the first transaction function device is further selected responsive to the first capability;

- e) determining that the first transaction function device is not available to carry out the first transaction function;

- f) specifying at least one second capability of transaction function devices;

- g) selecting a second transaction function device responsive to the first rule and the specified second capability; and

h) performing the first transaction function with the second transaction function device.

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the first capability corresponds to the printing indicia in a plurality of colors, wherein the second capability corresponds to printing indicia in at least one color.

10. Computer readable media operative to cause a computer to carry out the method steps recited in claim 1.